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SUBJECT: ICELAND TO FOLLOW EU LEAD ON MOP-3 FOLLOW-UP

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Per reftel instructions, post on May 9 discussed the third Meeting of the Parties (MOP-3) to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with Sigurdur Thrainsson, Icelandic Ministry of the Environment Head of Division in the Office of Nature Conservation and Quality of Life. Thrainsson attended the MOP-3 but reports that Iceland has yet to take any actions tied to implementation of decisions taken in Curitiba. He said that Iceland, as a member of the EEA, is awaiting a European directive on how to proceed based on the MOP-3's outcome.

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